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REMARKS

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1. Between 14 and 26 February 1954, part No 1 of the Hofbauer Kaserne [] in Frankfurt/Oder was occupied by an estimated 600 troops. Soldiers observed wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. Individual T-34/85 tanks were seen returning, presumably from practice driving. Trucks [] were identified in traffic to and from the installation. A depot, occupied by about 150 men wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets without branch-of-service insignia was apparently in section No 2 of the installation, which was separated from section No 1 by a road fence and had the entrance on Birnbaumuhlenweg.¹ 25X1
2. During the period of observation, the Ziethen Kaserne [] on Kopernikus Strasse quartered an estimated 1,200 to 1,500 tank troops. One Lieutenant Colonel (Armd) Babayev (fnu) was identified. 25X1
3. The Horn Kaserne [] on Nuhnen Chaussee quartered 1,000 to 1,200 troops of a tank unit. One Lieutenant Colonel Klimovski (fnu) seemed to have been the commanding officer. 25X1
4. The Buelow Kaserne [] on Fuerstenwalder Post Strasse quartered 1,200 to 1,500 troops. Colonel Platonov (fnu) presumably was in command. 25X1
5. Houses No 48 and 49 and 249 on Stalin Allee were being reconditioned. The houses were occupied by a medical unit of about 60 soldiers, except for house No 249 which served as depot for medical equipment. Truck [] was identified there. 25X1
6. Between 14 and 27 February, the Artillerie Kaserne [] in Frankfurt/Oder was occupied by an estimated 800 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Six x 76.2-mm AA guns were parked at the northern edge of the billeting area. Motor vehicles [] were identified. 25X1
7. The Buelow Kaserne quartered about 500 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Ten x 57-mm AT guns and 10 x 76.2-mm AT guns were counted in the yard. Motor vehicle [] was identified. 25X1

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- [redacted] 25X1
8. The Eichhorn Kaserne [redacted] quartered about 300 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. No training activity was noticed on 17 and 24 February. 25X1
9. The Hindenburg Kaserne [redacted] quartered about 750 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. The unit was equipped with not less than 50 T-34 tanks and JSU-152 SP guns. Tank [redacted] were identified. Motor vehicle [redacted] was identified. 25X1
10. On 17 February, JS-2 tank [redacted] returned to the Horn Kaserne, coming from the direction of Merkendorf. On 24 February, about 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying submachine guns and entrenching tools marched to the installation from the direction of Rosengarten. Motor vehicles [redacted] were identified. 25X1
11. No training activity was noticed in the Zietzen Kaserne on 14, 18 and 24 February. On 14 February, 2 T-34 tanks were parked in front of the armory. 2 25X1
12. On the afternoon of 27 February, two trains of 20 boxcars each carrying troops, 20 trucks [redacted] 4 x 85-mm AA guns and 1 field kitchen were loaded at Frankfurt/Oder railroad station and dispatched toward Boosen at 4:30 and 6 p.m. respectively. 25X1
13. From 3 to 6 a.m. on 4 March, a train of 20 boxcars with troops and 26 flatcars with sideracks was unloaded in Frankfurt/Oder. The shipment included 15 trucks [redacted] At 1:30 p.m. the same day, a train of 20 boxcars with troops, 8 x 37-mm AA guns and 40 trucks, coming from Cottbus, was unloaded. [redacted] 25X1
1. [redacted] Comment. The Hofbauer Kaserne houses a clothing depot, motor vehicle and tank repair shops and quarters for transient officers. 25X1
2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] The Zietzen Kaserne [redacted] is occupied by artillery units rather than tank units. Lieutenant Colonel Babayev (fnu) is held as commanding officer of the 288th Gds AAA Regt of the 7th Gds Mecz Div carried at the installation. Lieutenant Colonel Klimovski (fnu) is known as supply officer of the 84th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the division, and Colonel Flatonov (fnu) as officer of the 25th Gds Mecz Regt of the division. The strength estimates [redacted] of paragraphs 6 through 11 are too low in some instances. 25X1
3. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] on 27 February, medium AAA units of the 328 AAA Div [redacted] were loaded and. [redacted] transferred to Wustrow on trains [redacted] Two shipments with units of the AAA Division [redacted] have been unloaded on 4 March. It is possible that these elements returned from exercises in the Halbe-Brand area, where other components of the IV Arty Corps from Rathenow and Potsdam had also participated [redacted] 25X1

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